

FANE PUBLIC SEMINAR IN ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

CUPIDS, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

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AUGUST 13-15

CUPIDS AND BURNT HEAD, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

PROGRAM

AUGUST 13, CUPIDS LEGACY CENTRE

WED AUG 13
PUBLIC LECTURE
CUPIDS LEGACY
CENTRE, 7:30P.M.

Angela Antle
(Independent Scholar)
Who Owns the Wind: NL's
Post-Oil Future

Angela Antle was the 2025 Rachel Carson writer-in-residence at Munich's LMU. An artist and former CBC producer, Antle hosts and produces the podcast GYRE, is an interdisciplinary PhD candidate at Memorial University and a member of Norway's Empowered Futures: A Global Research School Navigating the Social and Environmental Controversies of Low-Carbon Energy Transitions. Her research intersects climate communications and justice, disinformation, petrocultures, and political rhetoric. She writes about Energy Futures for The Independent.ca and her debut novel The Saltbox Olive was released in June by Breakwater Books.

Registration is not required to attend the talk.



Angela Antle

Writer - Artist - Producer &
Energy Humanities Researcher

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AUGUST 14, CATHEDRAL HOUSE, CUPIDS

ROMANTICISM

9:30A.M.

Sean McGrath (Memorial U.)
The First Environmentalists

10:15A.M.

Cecilia Saez (U. Montana)
Rewilding as 'Infinite Approximation'

11:00A.M.

Joseph Carew (U. Fraser Valley)
Stewards of Nature's Infinite Life

11:45A.M.

Giulia Valpione (École Normale
Supérieure, Paris)
Schleiermacher's and Günderrode's
criticism against anthropocentrism

12:30P.M.

Lunch

1:15P.M.

Kyla Bruff (Carleton U.)
Nature as Other and Origin of the
Subject

2:00P.M.

Mateusz Stróżyński (Adam Mickiewicz
U.)
Nature as the Mirror of the Spiritual
World in Adam Mickiewicz

2:45P.M.

Coffee Break

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STUDENT SESSION

3:15P.M.	Helena Cutbill (Trinity College) Towards Redeeming Habitation for All
3:45P.M.	Etienne Damme (U. Augsburg) Crises as a Reflection of a Disturbed Relationship with Nature
4:15P.M.	Christina White (Memorial U.) The Bwiti: The Journey to Yourself
4:45P.M.	General Discussion
5:15P.M.	Reception
6:15P.M.	Dinner, Cathedral House

The houses at Burnt Head were not large or expensive, but they were good houses, all built of wood covered with clap-board siding and usually painted white. A small village of such houses presented a comfortable looking sight, and housed probably happier families than they would had they been marble halls.

- John Morgan, *Recollections of Burnt Head* (1913)

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PLACE-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

9:30A.M.

Barry Stephenson
Ritual and Ecological Repair

10:15A.M.

Nicole Whalen (Memorial U.) and Fred
Schmidt-Arenales (St. John's filmmaker)
An Agrarian Alternative to Green
Extractivism in Newfoundland

10:15A.M.

Gavin Shields (Seven Generations
Educational Institute) and David
Greenwood (Lakehead U.)
The Experiential Journey of
Cosmological Homecoming

11:45A.M.

Matthew Nini (Institute of Philosophy,
Zagreb)
Adriaticum Metaphysicae: There is
Nothing to Sea

12:30P.M.

Lunch

METAPHYSICS, RELIGION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

1:15P.M.

Joachim Rathmann (U. Augsburg)
Renewing a Forgotten Virtue:
Reverence in Dietrich von Hildebrand

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Metaphysics, Religion and Environmental Ethics, con't

2:00P.M.

Uwe Voigt (U. Augsburg)
On Not Belonging to Oneself

2:45A.M.

Melanie Coughlin (Memorial U.)
From Reflection to Production:
Nishitani's Appreciation for
Schelling's Nature Philosophy

3:00P.M.

Michelle Rebidoux (Memorial U.) The
Concept of Environmental Personhood

4:15P.M.

Closing Remarks

6:00P.M.

Gathering at Greenland Beach

FANE Public Seminars

FANE bridges the gap between academic research and public understanding by hosting structured educational seminars. These events feature experts presenting evidence-based findings in accessible formats, fostering critical thinking and practical knowledge exchange. By curating topics and targeting specific communities, we bring research and the public into conversation.

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Kyla Bruff is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Carleton University and a Research Fellow at the Institute for Social Research in Frankfurt. She is also Co-Director of FANE. Kyla's work primarily concerns nature and political philosophy in the German Idealist and Critical Theory traditions, and their implications for challenges today.

Joseph Carew is a Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy, University of the Fraser Valley. He specializes in the History of Philosophy. His current research concerns conceptions of nature in Hegel, German Idealism, and Romanticism.

Melanie Coughlin is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Memorial University and a specialist in Japanese Philosophy and its relation to Continental Philosophy.

Helena Cutbill is a 23 year old Londoner, who recently graduated from Trinity College Dublin's School of Religion and Peace Studies with a Bachelor's of Arts. The focuses of my undergraduate career were the philosophies of the secularising West, the built environment as a theological text, and contemporary theologies of home and community. She hopes to dedicate her time and education to making practical the ideas I have found so important in the last four years with a particular emphasis on strengthening urban communities.

Etienne Dame was born and raised in Augsburg, Germany. Since 2023 he has been studying philosophy and history at the University of Augsburg and work at Uwe Voigt's Chair for Analytic Philosophy and at Gregor Webers Chair for Ancient History. He has worked on Henri Bergson's Philosophy of life, the free will debate, and Ernst Cassirer's philosophy of symbolic forms. He is a recipient of a scholarship from the Max Weber Program of Bavaria.

David A. Greenwood, PhD, is Professor and Canada Research Chair of Environmental Education at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. His scholarship, teaching, and activism revolve around place-based, environmental, sustainability, and holistic education. Widely published in these areas, he is also co-editor of several books and journals, including *Place-Based Education in the Global Age: Local Diversity*. His theories on critical, place-based education have influenced programs in schools, communities, and in higher education across disciplines, including social science, physical science, the humanities, and professional schools such as engineering, social work, business, law, and medicine. His public and academic activism aims to implement critical place-based learning by facilitating acts of decolonization and re-inhabitation with diverse communities. His latest project involves using the labyrinth as a creative form of experiential learning that inspires deep reflection and foster connectedness to self, others, and land. David lives in the forest north of Lake Superior with his partner Jill and their children Eli, Kate, and Ivy.

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Sean McGrath is a Professor of Philosophy and Co-Director of FANE. He is the author of several works in environmental ethics, including *Thinking Nature: An Essay in Political Eschatology* (Edinburgh University Press, 2018) and *Political Eschatology* (Wipf & Stock, 2023).

Matthew Nini is a Researcher at the Institute of Philosophy in Zagreb. He works on German Idealism and religion. Recent publications include, *Fichte in Berlin: The 1804 Wissenschaftslehre* (McGill-Queens, 2024) and *The Book of Nocturnes: Philosophical Fragments* (Spring Publications, 2025).

Joachim Rathmann is a climatologist who teaches Geography at the University of Augsburg. He is currently completing a second dissertation, on Philosophy, with a focus on environmental virtue ethics.

Michelle Rebidoux is a native of southern Ontario. She studied fine art, philosophy, and religious studies at various Canadian universities, receiving her Ph.D. in Religion and Culture from McGill University in 2008. Since that time she has taught in the department of Religious Studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Michelle also joined the faculty of Queen's College in 2015 as adjunct professor of theological studies. Her teaching interests have included the areas of philosophy of religion, theories of religion, comparative religion, the history of Christian thought, religious ethics, and environmental ethics. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys painting, and has also published two books of poetry (Wipf & Stock), with a third on the way.

Cecilia Saez is a graduate student in the Environmental Philosophy MA program at the University of Montana. She holds a BA in Philosophy from the University of Santiago de Compostela and an MA in Literary Studies from the Complutense University of Madrid. Her research focuses on the intersection between the philosophy of F. W. J. Schelling and the Early German Romantics—particularly that of Novalis and Friedrich Schlegel—and contemporary environmental issues. She is especially interested in concepts of wildness, rewilding, and the otherness of nature and animals, as well as in localism and degrowth theories.

Gavin Shields, HBA & MEd, works on the curriculum development and government relations team at Seven Generations Educational Institute. His participatory community-based research experience numbers over 7 SSHRC funded projects throughout Northwestern Ontario and abroad since 2017 when his HBA in Indigenous Learning & Philosophy lead to experiential field work in various roles as research assistant and associate. During his MEd for Change with a Specialization in Indigenous Education, a focus on holistic and contemplative education with advisor Dr. David Greenwood began on-going dialogue centered around the journey of Cosmological Homecoming. What do our psyches (souls) need to be well in modern times? How do we decolonize and reinhabit the place(s) we and our many ancestor's—human and more-than-human—call home? Among professional certifications Gavin is a certified GIFT-Global Institute of Forest Therapy guide, a certified SSP-Safe and Sound protocol practitioner and in the process of becoming a Neuroshifting (forthcoming modality) facilitator. Gavin lives in Thunder Bay with his wife Rachel, daughter Eira, son Senan and a third baby on the way!

Fred Schmidt-Arenales is an independent film maker living in St. John's.

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Barry Stephenson is Professor of Religion and Culture at Memorial University and a Co-director of FANE. His research explores ritual theory, religion and the arts, and religion in modern public life, with a particular interest in contemporary ritualization, performance, and the intersections of religion, the arts, and ritual.

Mateusz Stróżyński is a Professor of Classics and the Director of the Institute of Classical Philology at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań. He is the editor of *Antigone Journal*, and the author of *Plotinus on the Contemplation of the Intelligible World*, *The Human Tragicomedy: the Reception of Apuleius' Golden Ass in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century*, and *Adam Mickiewicz, Metaphysical Poems*.

Giulia Valpione is Marie-Curie Fellow at the École Normale Supérieure (Paris) and Visiting Scholar at DePaul University (Chicago). She has published extensively on German Romanticism, the politics/nature relationship, and the history of women philosophers. Her first monograph, *The Romantic Self. Sovereignty and the Politics of Nature*, will be published by Cambridge University Press in early 2026.

Uwe Voigt holds the Chair in Analytical Philosophy and the Philosophy of Science at the University of Augsburg. He has published on Comenius, Aristotle, and panpsychism.

Nicole Whalen is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Memorial University. Her research includes political economy with a focus on environmental issues, especially the politics of the commons.

Christina White is an undergraduate student studying Sociology at Memorial University. Prior to entering academia, she lived in five different countries while working in the hospitality industry, an experience that sparked her curiosity about social rituals and community. She is especially interested in researching altered states of consciousness on which she will be presenting, as well as new religious movements and ecological stewardship. Christina was awarded the MUN Vice-Chancellor's Award for her paper on deceptive carbon offset practices and recently interned with the Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. She is a certified yoga teacher and Reiki practitioner and is passionate about integrating alternative practices and community research.

